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FRANCE.

THE FAILURE OF THE ORAL METHOD
—INVESTIGATION OF MESSRS.
BINET AND SIMON.

It will soon be thirty years since the French Government, relying on the reports of the Congress of Milan for the amelioration of the condition of deaf-mutes, decided to quit the French method of signs and writing in use up to that time in our school, and to require teaching by the German method of articulation and lip-reading. At this time the more prominent deaf-mutes protested strongly. And after several years, during which the new method had had the time to show what it could do, some, like the regretted Ligot, Limosin, Chambellan, etc., demand that the products of the method called the *pure oral* be subject to an investigation in order to see in what measure they had profited by it. Their requests were never listened to.

The Conventions, national and international, which have evidenced the intellectual and social rise of the deaf in late years, more particularly those composed of members instructed by the old methods, manifested almost unanimously the same desire. And, though some had official sanction, their resolutions were without effect.

In default of an investigation, we have testimony every day; the number constantly increasing, of imperfect semi-mutes, articulating common words, reading the lips of the hearing, writing fantastically, but all the same with full understanding, and these are, after all, the worst educated—the others—best in brain and speech—with exceptions—in a broken, nervous, grotesque fashion, which would cause them to pass for incomprehensible, did one not know that with hearing people they expressed themselves by speech and writing much more correctly than their comrades. And that is one of the most characteristic of the anomalies produced by the teaching of the deaf as it is done in France.

But, as was truly stated in signs by Dusuzean at the International Congress at Paris in 1889, Time is the great teacher. He will in the end bring all things to a focus.

It has been somewhat long, but at last it is here.

Very often I was reflecting on the matter. I regretted that modern personages in authority, who were infatuated with the oral method, have been devoid of psychology. And it struck me that those who at the time the new method was started, refused to believe in it were such true philosophers as Maxime du Camp and Jules Simon. It had a promoter in the person of Adolphe Franck, returned from Milan, where he claimed to have found his "road to Damascus." But he was right only before he went to Milan, when he raised objections to the new method much stronger than the impressions he brought back from Italy of the spectacle of oral pupils manifestly *coached*. Besides, was he sincere in the first place or after that? I have had occasion once to see that France had become fixed in his opinion. One day while he was passing along the Itard road, my late lamented teacher, Charles Champmas, spoke to him concerning me. I see still the surprised air of Franck. He questioned me about Polycrates. It must be believed that my replies overwhelmed him with astonishment, for he made nervous movements, talking with my teacher. In reality he showed his vexation that the combined method, of which I was an outcome, did not make parrots as did the oral method.

Now it is this headstrong pride of opinion that prevents so many friends of our cause from seeing clearly in matters pertaining to our education. And it is this stubbornness that so exasperated the English deaf at the Convention of Windermere that they allowed themselves to say, somewhat unjustly, that the adepts of the oral method were no true friends of the deaf.

Messrs. Alfred Binet and Th. Simon, who made the investigation of which I am writing, do not have this partisanship. Better still, they

would not consult our present teachers, because they understood perfectly their bias.

Nothing forced them into this investigation which they have brought to a close. It was not even asked of them by the administration, which would have been too much to expect. But Mr. Alfred Binet is one of the masters of contemporary psychology. He is a professor of the Sorbonne. And Dr. Th. Simon is a collaborator worthy of such a savant. It was inevitable that psychologists so painstaking and conscientious should become aware of the existence of the deaf and take an interest in them.

It was truly a preoccupation in psychology that first started their inquiry. But it had also a practical reason; it was concern for the nation, it was for social usefulness. "The interest there is in knowing," they said at the end of their work, "the value of this method, apart from all spirit of praise or blame, is considerable, for this interest exists simultaneously for psychology and for the organization of the education to be given deaf-mutes."

In reading their report, at every page, every line, my pleasure increased to find in Messrs. Binet and Simon sincere and impartial friends of your cause.

It should be read everywhere. My analysis, necessarily, can only give an imperfect resume.

With a high scientific probity, the inquirers restricted their testimony to congenital deaf-mutes, eliminating those deaf by accident and the backward, or rather those who by reason of special circumstances, and consequently, would not be representative of what could be done under the best conditions possible.

In our opinion, they should have pursued their investigations even among the deaf not congenital, and there they would have found yet more serious reasons to confirm their conclusions.

Their researches commenced at Paris, in December, 1907, and were made on old pupils of the Institutions of the Rue Saint-Jacques and of Asnières, who left between 1892 and 1902. But by a series of scrupulous eliminations (partly deaf, slow-witted, left the country, and died) from the roll of the National Institute, which is 704 pupils, they finally reached 33 individuals and from the roll of the departmental Institution, which is 60 pupils (boys only) they reached the insignificant number of 7.

This led them to make only forty visits.

Truly one may smile, for these twoscore do not all represent the silent adult population of the capital, which must be more than 3,000 individuals.

And we repeat it, Messrs. Binet and Simon should have asked from our Societies addresses much more recent than those furnished by the schools, which would have enabled them to make more fruitful discoveries.

Our authors make curious remarks on the addresses and note that after nine years the old pupils leave no traces. The secretaries of our branches, who are often obliged to correct their books of addresses, could tell them that they were right, since they establish the truth that all the individuals of the working population lose themselves in the eddies of the Great City. But they have not found the deaf living in the rich quarters. Now there are some who came from private institutions and who remain there for long periods.

Previous to stating the results of their inquiry, Messrs. Binet and Simon consider the statistics which have been furnished them by the two institutions in regard to what is the average measure that their subjects have profited by oral teaching. These statistics are edifying. Considered by themselves they are enough to condemn the oral method, particularly when it is applied to the slow-witted deaf-mutes, who in reality are only deaf-mutes of average intelligence. And it is embarrassing for the schools, which, confessing, by the implacable truthfulness of figures, to such waste, still persist in their course. The comments of Messrs. Binet and Simon are severe and just. Judge them.

"Taking these figures strictly, one is led to conclude that, all things

considered, 'demutisation' succeeds less and less and that prolonged experience is not favorable for it. It is fair to mark that we do not know what weight to give to these estimations that are given without any kind of proof. We do not know if anyone ever dreamed of measuring the degree of oral acquisitions, in reality we doubt it. We meet here one of those numerous and deplorable examples of a pedagogy without restraint. It is extremely probable that the results, figures that are furnished us, are derived from a simple subjective impression felt by the teachers and administration. Without wishing to doubt the sincerity of this subjective impression, we must believe that it is largely optimistic, and that the pupils who have been accorded an abrupt, "No" are actually the serious waste of the oral system. Hence, a conclusion is forced on us: Might it not be possible for these rejected pupils to escape a costly system that has only given poor results? If it be true that among more than a third of the pupils of the schools, the oral method meets with poor success, would it not be better to dispense with it? Should one not, at the end of two years, for example, of trial, have the pupils examined, and suspend the oral method among those who have not profited by it, instead of prolonging the experiment for six years or more?"

My space does not permit me to follow the authors into the detail of statistics. I will content myself with giving the most striking:

ST. MARTIN INSTITUTION, NEWARK			
Pupils demutised, average	23%	87%	
Pupils demutised less than average			
ASNIERES INSTITUTION			
Pupils demutised, average	94%	22%	
Pupils demutised less than average	6%	78%	

Hence, they arrive at this estimation, which they particularly emphasize:

"If, therefore, statistics made with unrestricted freedom and which certainly lack scientific vigor, yet give conclusions so striking, should it not be absolutely necessary that a commission should be charged to make a selection from among the pupils now in course of instruction, and to examine specially those who are backward, congenitally deaf and deaf before the age of one year, to spare these children the fatigue and loss of time of oral education, which fails completely and lamentably with more than four-fifths of them?"

HENRI GAILLARD.

(To be continued.)

WILMINGTON, DEL.

Margaret and Robert Johnston, pupils of the Kendall School, Washington, D. C., have returned to the school from the Christmas vacation.

Master Charles L. Belle, aged eight years old, has returned to his school duties at Mr. Airy. He seems very bright.

Mrs. Sarah J. Roth's younger son died last Thanksgiving. Mrs. Roth's health is impaired.

Charles T. Malone has entered the class to study typewriting in the Night School at the Y. M. C. A. Building of which he is a member. He uses the machine with one hand, the other being amputated in 1901. He has passed the entrance examination to study typewriting. He writes thirty-five words in two minutes. He hopes to write fifty words in one minute soon.

Miss Edith Ball has returned to her last year of study. She will be graduated this summer.

C. T. M.

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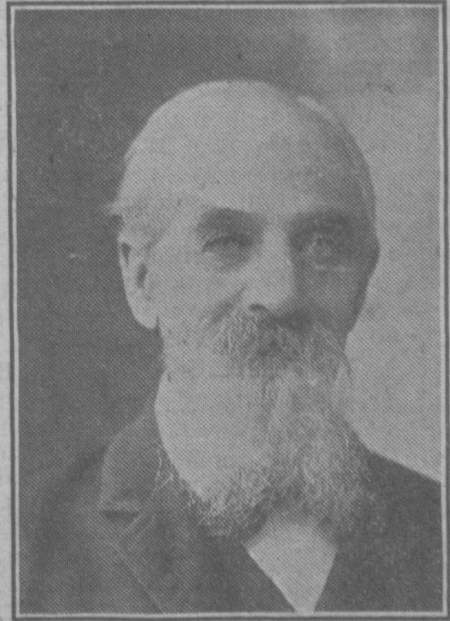
Holy Communion—First Sunday of the month.

Bible Class, immediately after services.

Cleric Literary Association meets every Thursday, after 7:30 o'clock.

HALE AND HEARTY AT EIGHTY-FOUR

Mr. Franklin Campbell was 84 years old last Christmas, the oldest deaf citizen living in New York. In recognition of this occasion, and in view of his long connection with the Manhattan Literary Association (a period of 46 years, being a charter member of the society), Mr. Theodore A. Frohlich gave him a reception, requesting the members of the Manhattan Literary Association with their ladies to join himself in making merry. Mr. Campbell is in enjoyment of fairly good health, the only evil once of advancing age being poorer sight and feebleness in limbs. These in-



firmities making it inadvisable for him to leave the house at night, the reception was held at his house on Christmas Eve. Refreshments were brought to the house and served so the family might be spared all trouble. The rooms and tables were decorated, suitable to the occasion, in holiday reds and holly. The table was laden with an abundance of assorted crustless sandwiches, salads, olives and salted almonds, sauternes punch, ice cream, twelve night cake and assorted fancy cakes, nuts, raisins, dates, fruits, etc.

After the feast and much merry making, Mr. Frohlich spoke briefly on Mr. Campbell's industrious life and habits—he worked hard and continuously up to his 82d year. Mr. Souweine, president of the M. L. A., stirred the company to much jollity by his usual witty remarks. Mr. Meiselman, Mr. Addison Campbell followed. The latter expressed much appreciation for the kind attentions bestowed upon his venerable father.

Mr. Campbell himself then spoke, expressing his appreciation of the honor done him.

He gracefully diverged into a happy vein of reminiscence. He stated that he was born at Oswego, N. Y., December 25, 1825, when John Quincy Adams was President of the United States. His first schooling was gotten at Canajoharie, this State, under the tutelage of Prof. Robert Morris.

Later, in 1837, he attended the New York Institution, then on 50th Street, under Drs. H. P. and I. L. Peet. He knew and talked with the great teacher of the deaf, Thomas H. Gallaudet, and has also known most of Gallaudet's children. During his life time he has seen many great changes in the way of living, inventions, etc. In the lighting of homes, candles have been supplanted successively by kerosene lamp, by gas and electric light. For heating and cooking, wood has yielded to coal and gas. The wells and springs have within his time, been supplanted by Croton water. He remembers the time when the Croton Dam was was opened. He remembers the advent of steam and machine power, taking the place of hand labor and horse or water power.

From travel by foot and stages, he recalls the advent of the wonderful horse cars, the steamboat, locomotives, the building of railroads. Electric telegraph, the Atlantic cablegram, the telephone have all been marvelous changes rendering distant communication possible within a few seconds or days instead of weeks and months. He lived through the dark days of the Civil War.

It was during this time that the Manhattan Literary Association was founded, he becoming one of its first members, when we perhaps were not in existence at all or were merely little codlings.

Mr. Campbell said that to his mind, at the time, his Alma Mater could not be improved upon. He did not imagine the great and remarkable possibilities inaugurated by the present Principal Currier—a band, composed of deaf musicians—the deaf, drilled and trained to march, with the precision of the West Point Cadets—all this seemed to him as incredible as the possibility of propelling a ship through the air when first conceived.

He numbered among his chums and playmates "Easy Boss" Ex-United States Senator Thomas C. Platt, and ex-Secretary of the Navy Benjamin F. Tracy. Mr. Campbell is a nephew of George Westinghouse, the inventor of the famous Air Brake.

The merry party stayed until the hour of twelve arrived, when hearty congratulations were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Campbell and Christmas greetings given all round.

CINCINNATI.

The Xavier social on the 15th of December was a success despite inclement weather, thanks to the able management of Chairman O'Brien. Prizes in the quilt game went to Miss Kneekols and John Wagner. A sign "Hit the Dummy" (referring to the quilt stake) was purloined and fastened to the back of a most staid and respected citizen.

The identity of the guilty party, there may be a "dummy" around these parts, due to get "hit" good and plenty.

In the Couer de Alene lottery, the winning envelope bore the name of some little Miss Seinensohn, and a five-pound box of candy was turned over to her tender mercies. Ice cream and cake from the city's caterer wound up the evening.

The Charity Circle are contemplating a mask and dress ball in the not too distant future.

The long awaited Christmas social of the Charity Circle turned out to be the best they ever promoted, fully seventy deaf braving winter's icy blast to see the festivities. Everything was free, games and all. One biped hog ate exactly five big plates of ice cream and a like number of cake, although at first, while under the impression that his purse would be called into requisition, he avowed he never ate ice cream in his life except on the doctors orders.

Mr. Luffery won the apple eating contest; Bessie Wooley was best at Tit tat toe; Mrs. John Wooley proved an adept at the sugar fox game; Mr. Albert managed to eat the candy at the end of a string while the others were still trying to coax it up; Mr. Buck won the spoon and loaf sugar marathon; Mr. James Wooley pinned the donkey's tail nearer than any competitors, while several other prize giving games enlivened the occasion.

Miss Gladys Ray, of Lancaster, Ky., Mr. Warren Aldert, of Brookville, O., Miss Daisy Buchanan, of Rising Sun, Ind., and Miss Lizzie Jack, of Sheridan, Ind., were welcome visitors from afar. Quite a number of Columbus students lent their presence to the affair.

Arthur Hingh was telling everybody the funniest thing he ever heard (or rather saw) was a cross-eyed woman admonishing her bow-legged husband to walk home straight. Arthur will be getting a funny bump yet if he don't watch out.

The only new engagement to chronicle is that of John Maschinot, of Dayton, Ky. His bride-to-be is a subject of much guess work among the single ladies.

One of the locals was recently caught playing ping-pong, was arrested along with the proprietor of the place. The proprietor's plea of "just showing the dummy how to shake dice," didn't go, and he had to hand over a fifty dollars fine. The mute was let off with a reprimand.

While John Woods was at an Xavier meeting not long ago, a well dressed stranger entered his home and coolly appropriated Woods' overcoat and a few other handy

articles, overawing the wife and four children by some bluff of authority. Woods' story of subsequent events is not quite coherent, but one thing is not doubted by his acquaintances. It is if Woods and the gentlemanly marauder ever meets, the Jefferies Johnson scrap contest will look like an Epworth League meeting by comparison.

Louis J. Bacheberle, of Direcfory fame, has just opened a card printery at 2423 Moerlein Avenue.

President Thomas Serrage, of the Xaviers, is wearing mourning, his mother having passed to her reward December 5th.

Miss McLehey has been down with pneumonia, but is around again.

Brother Krans spent the fall helping Wm. Hoy, of baseball fame, on the latter's farm. It was once the home of the poetic Carey sisters.

On December 4th a surprise party was tendered Mr. and Mrs. De Silver, twenty two being there. Bauer acted as caterer.

Page Harris is back after some months in Bowling Green.

Hope Porter, the ex-star of the Danville team, is considering a contract tendered him by the Norfolk, Va., Baseball Club.

John Wagner is thinking of playing in some minor league this season.

James Meagher has been winning pretty regularly in his wrestling matches around here.

The Keys write from Atlanta that they are somewhat sorry they left at dear Zinzinnatty. Georgia is a dry location, anyway.

Mr. Swank, of St. Mary, O., paid cember.

OMEGA.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

The annual Yuletide entertainment and supper of the Calvary Baptist Deaf-Mute Mission was held in the Sunday School House of Calvary Baptist Church, on the evening of December 28th, and it was one of the most successful and enjoyable affairs ever held in Washington. Among those whose presence was most agreeable, were Dr. Greene, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, and Mrs. Greene, Dr. E. M. Gallaudet, Dr. Amos G. Draper, Prof. Percival Hall and Mrs. Hall, Prof. Melville Ballard and Mrs. Ballard. Ten young gentlemen students of Gallaudet showed their good taste by escorting a like number of the fairest Co-Eds to the entertainment.

Much of the success of the entertainment was due to the untiring efforts of Prof. A. D. Bryant and Mrs. Bryant, who left no stone unturned in their efforts to make it a success. They were assisted by Mr. W. P. Souder, Miss Daily and Mrs. Pfunder.

Since its inception a couple of years ago, Calvary Mission has grown by leaps and bounds, and is now both financially and numerically one of the strongest and best organized Missions for the Deaf in the country, and under the efficient leadership of Prof. Arthur D. Bryant and his estimable wife, it is bound to keep on growing in strength, and in usefulness to the deaf people of the District of Columbia and nearby points in Maryland and Virginia.

The mid-winter meeting of the District of Columbia Branch of the Gallaudet College Alumni Association was held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Hotchkiss, on the evening of December 29th. An election for officers for the ensuing year was held and resulted as follows: President, Dr. Hotchkiss; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. W. E. Marshall (re-elected).

Since being deprived of the use of Trinity Parish Hall in which to hold its meetings, the National Literary Society has been holding them in Flynn's Hall, corner 8th and K Street, northwest.

Our well known and rising young sculptor, E. Elmer Hannan, has been quite busy of late. At present he is at work on a life-size bust of Hon. Wm. Sulzer, a Representative in Congress from New York. After it is finished, three copies will be cast in bronze, one of which will be presented by Mr. Sulzer to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. Each will cost about \$300.

Mrs. Hannan has been spending the holidays with relatives and friends in New York and Brooklyn. She is expected to return to Washington in a few days.

Mr. R. E. L. Nicholson is grieving over the loss of a valuable Great Dane dog, which was poisoned a short time ago. He has just bought two more, which he will exhibit at the Dog Show that will be held in Madison Square Garden, New York City, some time during February.

Apologies of Great Danes, ask Mr. Bernsdorff, how it feels to have one stick its nose suddenly in one's face while one is quietly meditating on the profits of oil wells in Kansas, or of a certain young lady who lives not a thousand miles from Pittsburgh.

"Billy" Pfunder is recuperating from the effects of a strenuous season of playing foot-ball with the crack Dept. of Agriculture eleven. Billy is getting sensitive about being asked about his avoirdupois. Suffice to say he will soon be eligible for membership to the Fat Men's Club along with J. Clearance Dowell, our genial grocery-man.

Mr. Charles Painter has about recovered from a severe operation, which was performed on him some time ago. He was in Georgetown University Hospital for nearly a month.

We are glad to note an improvement in the condition of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Lowell, which has been quite sick.

Gilbert Erickson has also entirely recovered from an attack of scarlet fever.

Mrs. Bryant and Mrs. Souder are both indisposed, the inclement weather of the past week being the cause thereof.

The newly formed "Cinch Club" will soon begin operations.

Mr. and Mrs. Pfunder, Mr. and Mrs. Flood, Mr. and Mrs. Boswell, Miss Sadie Daily and John Caslons were baptized by Dr. Greene and admitted to membership in Calvary Baptist Church a short time ago.

Several more have signified their intention of joining in the near future.

OCCASIONAL.

CHURCH MISSION TO DEAF MUTES.

NEW YORK DISTRICT NOTICES.

St. Ann's Church, N. Y. Every Sunday at 3 P.M.
January 6th, Epiphany, 8 P.M.

St. Mark's Church, Brooklyn. Every Sunday at 3 P.M.
January 22d, Holy Communion.

JANUARY 16TH.

St. Paul's Church, Patterson, N. J., 10:30 A.M. Holy Communion.
Trinity Church, Newark, N. J., 3 P.M. Holy Communion.

JANUARY 23D.

St. Peter's Church, Port Chester, 10:30 A.M. Holy Communion.
Gallaudet Home, 10:30 A.M.
St. Paul's Church, Newburgh, 4 P.M.

CHURCH NOTICES.

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Rev. G. H. Heflon, Minister in charge.

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Bridgeport—Every Third Sunday, 7:30 P.M., St. Paul's Church's Parish House.

New Haven—Every Second and Fourth Sunday, St. Paul's Church, 3 P.M.

Waterbury—Every Second and Fourth Sunday, St. John's Church, 7 P.M.

At other places by appointment. Address of pastor, Y. M. C. A., Hartford, Ct.

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And not for all the race."

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FEEBLE MINDED DEAF.

SOME QUESTIONS FOR DR. CROUTER.

Last summer the announcement was made that the Mt. Airy School is now for the first time an oral school in all its departments.
Shortly afterwards it was announced that of the new pupils entered in 1908, nearly 14 per cent have been rejected as feeble minded.

The two statements, taken together, are significant. Are all of these 14 per cent actually feeble-minded or is the method used responsible for the rejection of so large a number?

It is a matter of record that pupils rejected by the Northampton School as feeble-minded, have been taken out of an institution for the feeble-minded by the Hartford School and trained into self-supporting citizens. Some of them are now living in Hartford, own their homes, have married and raised families.

How many of the fourteen per cent rejected by Mt. Airy are in this class?

But this is not the worst part. A still more serious question is this: How many of those in oral schools who are not quite deficient enough to be rejected, might be better trained for life by methods more suitable to their condition—such as words, by the Combined System.

That there are feeble-minded deaf goes without saying. The danger is that children who are not actually feeble-minded will be classed as such if tried only by the oral method. No child should be rejected as feeble-minded unless given a chance under circumstances most favorable to his education—and it is well known that the oral method is the most difficult for the less capable pupils. If a deaf child can be educated, its proper place is in a school for the deaf. The method of the school should be made broad enough to cover all cases. That is what the Combined System does; and what the oral method does not.

The deaf of Pennsylvania who advocate the establishment of a separate school for feeble-minded deaf under present conditions, are simply allowing themselves to be used as catpaws to pull the chestnuts out of the fire.

I would like to ask some questions of Dr. Crouter:

1st. Do you not think that, if an easier method than the oral were used, some of these fourteen percent of rejected pupils might be given a fair education?

2d. Do you really believe that it would be better for the deaf in general, if the sign-language, as developed by Gallaudet and other early educators, should be allowed to fall into disuse and ultimately, disappear?

3d. If the sign language is not taught at school, will it not sooner or later lose its beauty, uniformity and usefulness?

I will ask Mr. McVaine to present these questions to Dr. Crouter, and request him to answer them over his signature, and publish the reply in the JOURNAL. I asked the last two questions in a private letter more than a year ago, but have never been favored with a reply.

I am not asking these questions in a spirit of captious criticism, but because I desire the information. Dr. Crouter is familiar with the deaf; a master of the sign language; and I believe him to be a friend of the deaf. If he really believes that it would be better for to discard the sign language altogether, his views are entitled to consideration, even though we may not agree with him. If, on the other hand, he thinks that the sign language is useful to the adult deaf, I should like to know how he would preserve it from decay and destruction if it is excluded from our schools. I ask him to answer these questions on his honor and his conscience. It is a matter of profound concern to the deaf.

OLUF HANSON.
SEATTLE, Jan. 1, 1910.

NEW YORK.

News items for this column, should be sent direct to the DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL, Station M, New York.
A few words of information in a letter or on a postal card is sufficient. We will do the rest.

The 24th anniversary of the founding of the Deaf-Mutes' Union League was celebrated with a dinner, at the Harlem Casino, on Monday evening, January 3d.

One of the large private dining rooms of the Casino was secured for the purpose, and fifty members of the organization were present to enjoy the dinner and jubilate over the success that had marked the year just closed.

President Frankenheim sat at the apex of the A-shaped table with Honorary Member E. A. Hodgson at his right, and on either side the officers of the Union League.

The members were seated at the long side tables in the order of their affiliation with the Deaf-Mutes' Union League.

Before the service of the menu began, a flash-light of the party was made and turned out a complete success.

Following was the—

- MENU
- Blue Point Oysters on Half Shell
 - Cream of Celery, aux Croutons
 - Queen Olives Gherkins Celery, etc.
 - Boiled Kennebec Salmon, Sauce Piquante
 - Parisian Potatoes
 - Tenderloin of Beef, Mushroom Sauce
 - French Peas Potato Croquettes
 - Roman Punch
 - Roast Philadelphia Capon
 - Lettuce Mayonnaise
 - French Ice Cream in Fancy Forms
 - Assorted Cakes Fruit
 - Cafe Noir

President Frankenheim rose with the service of the ices and coffee, and delivered himself most eloquently upon the past success and the future bright prospects of the Deaf-Mutes' Union League, telling of its modest beginning and steady growth and its salutary influences upon the social and recreative life of its members. Concluding he proposed a toast to the organization, which was drunk in sparkling champagne. He then called upon President-elect, Marcus L. Kenner.

Mr. Kenner's speech was full of philosophy and wisdom, and won him plenty of applause. Mr. Arthur C. Bachrach followed, and as he is the watch dog of the treasury, he knew what to say that would add to the enthusiasm of the moment, and he said it in signs that were clear and left-handed spelling that was rapid and unique.

Mr. E. A. Hodgson was next called upon, and reiterated his statement that the club of the Deaf-Mutes' Union League was the most perfectly adapted to the rational enjoyment of the deaf that the world has ever known. He praised the goodwill and geniality of its members, and extolled the helpful influences it exerted for the betterment of the social life of the deaf.

Mr. F. W. Nubser went into detail concerning the inception of the Union League, and mentioned the names of those who had the lion's share of work in the days of long ago.

Mr. Felix A. Simonson, who has charge of the "silver jubilee" which is to be held in the following year, spoke most earnestly upon the expected triumph of that occasion.

Mr. E. Souweine followed with a burst of sign oratory characteristic of him on such occasions.

Mr. Charles C. McMann came next, and following him Messrs. Glaser, Lesser, Marks, Glostein, Basch, Wolganot, Gomprecht, McGinnis, Kohlman, Ballin, Gass, Farnham, Goldberg, Ernst, Johnson, Osmond Loew, Moses Loew, each of whom said things both witty and serious that gave spice and variety to the affair.

At the suggestion of Mr. Nubser, all standing drank a silent toast to absent members and those passed away.

Mr. Goldberg announced that he donated fifty dollars to the Union League, twenty-five to be used for prizes at the coming pool tournament. Mr. Monac Lesser announced that his father had donated five dollars towards the entertainment to be given in April.

The occasion was one of the most enjoyable held in this city in many a year, and the viands and service were both of first class order, and in keeping with the good reputation of Heuman's Harlem Casino.

The Charity Ball of the Hebrew Congregation of the Deaf, at Yorkville Casino, on Saturday evening, January 8th, was a tremendous success.

The deaf of all creeds were there in full force, and every organization was largely represented.

Nearly eight hundred were present, and the large hall with its big balcony of boxes was filled to overflowing.

Expensively and handsomely gowned ladies were as numerous as at a social function of the "400," and the gentlemen who were correctly groomed in evening dress were in the majority.

A fine Souvenir Journal from the press of Wm. H. Rose, contained

the evening's program and other information concerning the organization, and in itself was a good sample of tasteful typography and first-class press work from an establishment owned and managed by a deaf-mute.

The stage entertainment began at nine with an overture by the orchestra, which didn't bother the deaf to any extent, but was delightful to the hearing people present.

Then the stage curtains were drawn aside and the winsome form and features of Miss Viola Ballin came into view. She was daintily dressed in white lace, and in the "Folk Lore" dance which she gave was the picture of animated grace and harmonious movement. Her sister was down on the program, but was detained at home by illness.

The two Marcellos followed, and gave a laughable exhibition in the acrobatic line. And now came the part of the program most eagerly looked for, because it was to be performed by deaf-mutes. Mr. Emil Basch had the training of the actors in the play, which was entitled "Dr. Cure-All," and the result was quite satisfactory to the main portion of the audience, but some complained that it had a Philadelphia tang to it—that is, was rather slow.

- CAST OF CHARACTERS.
- Doctor Cure-All, who has a remedy for everything, Mr. Emil Basch
 - Handy Andy, his valet, Mr. Abe Eisenberg
 - Mrs. Brown, who wants to reduce her flesh, Miss Ruby Abrams
 - Miss Crimping, who desires to bleach her hair, Miss Annie Bernhardt
 - Mr. Alphonse de Jones, who wishes to raise a moustache, Mr. Louis Blumenethal
 - Mrs. Hotchkiss, a fond mother, Miss Bessie Fink
 - Miss Kate Hotchkiss, her daughter, who is bashful, Miss Annie Klein
 - Mrs. Blooming, a handsome widow in search of a husband, Miss Sarah Sablow

SCENE—A DOCTOR'S OFFICE.

The doctor advertises to cure any ill that flesh is heir to. Following his treatment, the fat woman becomes distressingly thin; the dark-haired lady gets white-haired; the beardless young man gets a blood-red moustache; the anxious mother's silent, bashful daughter becomes a noisy tomboy. The irate patients threaten the doctor with personal violence. In his terror he flees for protection to a sympathizing and wealthy widow, marries her and escapes.

After the curtain had descended on the first act, the Hobsons came on and demonstrated the most wonderful skill in roller-skating. They gave the Barn-Dance on skates, and subsequently one of them jumped into a barrel on a table and out again. They were greatly applauded.

The final act in Dr. Cure-All then held attention and proved very amusing to the large throng.

Mr. Basch, as "Dr. Cure-All," was "Cure-All" in his cleverness, and provoked much fun by his antics.

The others who took part did very well, and to mention one would be to slight the others, and we have no space to say of all of them the good things they deserve.

Dancing followed, and was kept up for several hours.

The Committee of arrangements, to whom great praise is due for bringing the affair to a successful issue, was headed by Marcus L. Kenner (and Marcus is a whole committee in himself), aided by Seymour A. Gomprecht, Arthur C. Bachrach, Emil Basch, Marx Levy.

The Hebrew Congregation of the Deaf is organized as follows:—President, Max Miller; First Vice-President, Emil Basch; Second Vice-President, Simon Kahn; Recording Secretary, Samuel Cohen; Corresponding Secretary, Max M. Lubin; Treasurer, Samuel Goldberg; Board of Trustees—Marcus L. Kenner, Louis A. Cohen, Moses W. Loew, Leader of Religious Services, Samuel Cohen.

Entertainment Committee—Moses W. Loew, Chairman; Morton Moses, Arnold Cohn.

Antidote Committee—Barney Siegel, Chairman, Michael Auerbach, Jacques Alexander.

Building Committee—Marcus L. Kenner, Chairman, Emil Basch, Moses W. Loew.

Ladies' Aid Society—President, Miss Sarah Sablow; Secretary, Miss Annie Bernhardt; Treasurer, Miss Bessie Fink. Board of Trustees—Miss Ruby Abrams, Mrs. Arnold Cohn.

At the last meeting of the Promoters, over whom Rev. Father McCarthy has supervision, and which by a new arrangement has latterly held its monthly meetings at the Fordham Branch of St. Joseph's Institute, steps were taken by several prominent deaf ladies to organize a sewing circle. No officers have as yet been nominated, the silent suffragettes deeming it wise to go slow, with the expectation many new applicants will be added to the present roll, and with a more extensive circle from which to choose probable candidates, the election will consequently produce lots of excitement. Among the young ladies actively interested are: Miss Emily Hopping, Miss Teresa McCarthy, Miss Sadie Morris, Miss Agnes McDermott, Miss Louise Cahor, Miss Kate Coughlin, Miss Susie Burns, Miss Annie Collins, and others. The intention is to name the circle the Madame Boncher Needlework Society, in honor of the late Madame Victorine Boncher, the foundress of the various branches of St. Joseph's Institute. It is

planned to make the anniversary of that good lady's death an event of some note, on April 7th. Mass will be offered by the chaplain of the society, Rev. M. R. McCarthy, S. J., and it is hoped by the ladies most interested many new names will be enrolled before that date. Much good can be done by such an organization, and as there is a plenitude of talent among the organizers, needle-work-wise as well as in other respects, they are to be congratulated for having proposed the Madame Boncher Sewing Circle.

Mr. A. A. Cohn was married to Miss Becky Smulovitz last Sunday, January 2d, at Madison Hall, on Madison Avenue and 110th Street.

The officiating rabbi was Rev. Aaron Eiseman, who declared them man and wife in the finger language before a crowd of about one hundred and fifty guests, of whom there were about twenty deaf friends. Under the stirring airs of the "Wedding March," the guests went upstairs to partake of a banquet. Mr. Leo Cohn was the bridegroom's bestman, and also acted as toastmaster.

Messrs. Basch, Frankenheim and Rev. Eiseman, addressed the people. Mr. L. Cohn read from manuscript for the former two gentlemen. Many cheers were given for the happy couple. They received a great many beautiful gifts, and will keep house on the Southern Boulevard in the Bronx. They are at present on a honeymoon trip to Lakewood for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene H. Pons and Miss Marguerite O'Neill attended the fashionable wedding on Wednesday, December 29th, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, of Miss Rene Gourd to Mr. Louis John'e Gernon, de Milhan. The ceremony was performed by Archbishop Farley, assisted by six priests, after which a reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gourd in West 12th Street. The bride was attended by Miss Yvonne Gourd as a maid of honor and eight bridesmaids. The same evening a cablegram was received from the Vatican, saying his Holiness the Pope gave his blessing to Mr. Gourd's family.

Brooklyn Division No. 23, at its monthly meeting on January 3d, admitted six new members, showing constant and healthy growth. The new officers were installed with ceremony and two candidates were initiated. Bro Geo S. Porter, originally of Chicago Division No. 1, made his first appearance at a conference. Tickets for the Ball on February 5th, have had a large sale, and all augurs well for the success of the affair.

The annual election of officers of the League of Elect Surds occurred at a Special Meeting on January 6th, as several of the members wished to attend the Charity Ball on the 8th. The result was: Charles J. L'Clereq, Grand Ruler; Max Miller, Deputy Grand Ruler; Thomas F. Fox, P. G. R., Grand Secretary; Edwin A. Hodgson, P. G. R., Grand Treasurer; Councilors—Moses Heyman, Isaac Newton Soper, Alex L. Pach, P. G. R.

A gold seal pendant bearing the initials S. L., attached to a fob, was lost by Mr. Simon Hirsch, at the Ball of the Hebrew Congregation of the Deaf last Saturday. Same is valued for sentimental reasons, and finder will be liberally rewarded upon return of same to Marcus L. Kenner, 200 W. 111 Street, New York, or Simon Hirsch, 7 Thomas Street, Newark, N. J.

The Woman's Parish Aid Society of St. Ann's Church will give a supper and entertainment in the Guild Room, Saturday, January 15th. An amusing farce will be presented, and since laughter is said to promote digestion, those who attend will find the supper bountiful and laughs plenty to help it along.

A fire that did damage to the amount of \$2,000, visited the residence of Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson, at No. 34 East Twenty-second Street, this city, January 8th. Luckily no one was hurt, and the deaf friends of Miss Agnes Kaler, who is a sister of Mrs. Thompson, will feel relieved.

The five year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Miller, was stricken down with a fever about twenty-one days ago, which has developed into a very severe case of pneumonia. For a time his life was despaired of, but with the doctor's earnest care he was pulled through.

Mr. J. Wollmann, of East Northport, Long Island, returned home after having a lovely time at the Charity Ball of the Hebrew Congregation of the Deaf, January 8th, with his sister Mrs. C. H. Vetterlein and her daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Heyman leave for an extended stay in the South on Saturday next. They will pass the time in the Carolinas, Florida and Cuba, and get back to Little Old New York early in March.

A fine baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Hering, of Newark, on December 29th. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

PITTSBURG.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse W. Baker, of Knoxville, was the scene of the "watch night party," to welcome the New Year, 1910. At the exact time, they went out to see what they could see in the sky. Nothing but the moon! Various games and refreshments were enjoyed by those present, who were: Mrs. Sadie Sawhill, Miss Pfeifer, Miss Nolan, Misses T. and E. Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Gorman, Mr. and Mrs. C. Fritzes, J. W. McCandless, H. McMaster, G. Nicholson, J. W. Acheson, and others, besides the relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Baker.

Scarlet fever broke out at the Edgewood School for the Deaf, and the patients are isolated from the main building. Up to the present time there are seven cases. The pupils had already gone home for their Christmas holidays, and their return to school was expected on January fourth, but they are advised to stay at their home until January tenth, as the school building is in the hands of the "fumigators."

We hope that no new cases will be reported among the pupils who did not go home for the Christmas holidays.

A stag dinner was given by Mr. and Mrs. Bellows, of East End, at their beautiful home last Saturday evening. Those invited to partake of the good eatable things were: Messrs. H. Bulger, J. W. Acheson, W. F. Durian, M. Mullen, A. Stonerod, M. Brown and F. A. Leitner. The menu was as follows:—

- Astor Oyster Soup
- Turkey with Stuffing Cranberry Sauce
- Mashed Potatoes
- Baked Jersey Sweets
- Asparagus on Toast Bread with Cream Sauce
- Dessert
- Ice Cream Cakes Nuts Wafers
- Fine Old Madeira Wine Coffee
- Havana Cigars

Mrs. G. Hansen and Mrs. H. Bulger assisted the hostess, Mrs. Bellows, to look after the hungry men at table. It was an enjoyable evening.

Recently the parents of Frank Blackhall, of Edgewood Park, celebrated their silver wedding at their house. It was largely attended by many persons, who brought beautiful presents for them. Frank enjoyed meeting many new friends and also is proud of the fact that his parents were well remembered on the silver wedding day.

Basketball is already a fact in the life of the Deaf-Mutes. Frank Dunn is the leader of this team, which is composed of Frank Blackhall, Geo. Davies, F. Buecy, Dan Irvin, R. Durian and Vincent Dunn. They practice twice a week in the gymnasium at Trinity Parish House. New suits for them arrived last week. We wish them a successful season in playing with other teams.

The Deaf-Mute Basketball team and a very strong team C. M. B. H., played on Christmas Eve, the result being 18 to 26 in favor of the C. M. B. H. The line up was:

- | DEAF-MUTES 18. | C. M. B. H. 26. |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Buecy | F. Welsh |
| Dunn | E. Lane |
| Davies | C. Reilhan |
| Durian | G. Williams |
| Blackhall | G. Mack |
- Goals from field—Dunn 4, Davies 3, Buecy 1, Durian 1, Welsh 3, Lane 5, Reilhan 3, Williams 1, and Mack 1.
Goals from fouls—Dunn 2, Missed 1.

The mutes played a practice game with the Trinity team, and beat them by a score of 24 to 14.

Col. Sawhill, of North Braddock, found a hard trip from here to Mansfield, O., on account of the heavy snow storm. Arrived there safely and attended the funeral services of his aunt, Mrs. A. William Sawhill, aged 77 years.

Pneumonia and heart failure were the causes of her sudden death, after two days' illness.

Frances Dedrick, of Wilksburg, was happy to get a week's holidays. She went to Johnstown, Pa., to see her mother and friends during the Christmas week, returning home on New Year's Day.

Charles Friant, of Johnstown, Pa. spent Christmas Day in this city. During his stay here he attended Hanlon's Superba. This play proved to be popular with many deaf-mutes, who were seen at the play. It was entirely a new play in every respect, giving much laughter.

The parents of Miss Alice Teogarden, teacher at the Fanwood Institution for the Deaf, at New York, N. Y., were made happy by her stay here during the Christmas holidays. She returned to New York last Monday night.

The "Christmas Festival" was given in Trinity Parish Auditorium last Thursday evening, by the Sunday School of Trinity Church. The members of St. Margaret's Mission for the Deaf, and of the Sunday School, attended in force as the guests of the hearing Sunday School. The program was well enjoyed by all. Miss Deise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Deise, made her first bow before the audience to interpret the services as far as she could. A large "Christmas Tree" was beautifully decorated. Supt. W. F. Durian of the Deaf Sunday School, distributed gifts among his class, while Santa Claus did the

same work towards the hearing Sunday School scholars.

Mrs. Henry Bards and children spent the Christmas week at Bristolville, Ohio, and there was a large re-union of the Phelps family, in which Mrs. Bards found great delight. Mrs. Bards was Miss Phelps before marriage. Her husband, Mr. Henry Bards, found it impossible to go along to attend the reunion, on account of his duties at the Edgewood School for the Deaf.

B. R. Allabough returned from Cleveland, O., where he spent the Christmas holidays with his two little children at his brother's home for ten days.

Frank Holliday, East End, came home from Gallaudet College at Washington, D. C., to meet his relatives and friends during the Christmas holidays.

New Year has come. How many of you have already made out like this?

Whereas,.....
Whereas,.....
Resolved,.....
F. A. L.

GALLAUDET COLLEGE.

Meetings and re-elections of officers of the various student organizations have been in order this week.

There seems to be a renewed interest in athletics since the meeting of the Athletic Association last Saturday. The better part of the day was given over to business affairs, not the least of which was the consideration of a thoroughly revised Constitution and By-Laws, the result of the deliberations of a committee composed of Messrs. Talbert, Anderson and Harris. The Constitution and By-Laws are now in excellent shape for the formal adoption of the Association next Saturday, and will no doubt be printed in the near future.

At the call for baseball candidates for the coming season twenty men responded, most of them veterans. The outlook for a successful season is very bright at this writing. In the Track Department, Captain Grace has a like number of men. A promising bunch.

The election of officers resulted in the following being placed in charge of the Association's affairs for the remainder of the college year: President, Wm. Nathan Toomey, '10; Vice President, Tom L. Anderson, '12; Secretary, Shelby W. Harris, '12; Treasurer, Leon P. Jones, '11. Other officials elected were Eugene Hogle, '13, Asst. Baseball Mgr.; Harris, Baseball Soper; Scholze, '13, Basketball Bieri, '10, Auditor Confectionery Dept.; Prof. Hall, Faculty Auditor.

The Literary Society elected officers for the second term as follows: President, William Nathan Toomey, '10; Vice-President, Philip R. Schroedel, '10; Secretary, Bert L. Forse, '11; Treasurer, Laverne S. Byrne, '11; Critic, Leslie A. Elmer, '11. It was found necessary to have to renew the supply of the printed Constitution and By-Laws, and a committee composed of Forse, Anderson and Harris, was appointed to revise the present Constitution and By-Laws and report.

The Saturday Night Dramatic Club began the new term with much enthusiasm. The outlook for a creditable dramatic entertainment is bright before the term of the following new officers expires: President, Vernon S. Birk, '12; Vice-President, Tom L. Anderson, '12; Secretary, Leslie A. Elmer, '11; Treasurer, Harry Gardner, '12. The Committee on Play: Birk, Chairman, Forse, Robinson, Talbert and Hower. Committee on Arrangements: Anderson, Chairman, Elmer, Gardner, Isackson, Mosey, Yoder, Byrne, Bieri and Hunter.

The Boys' Reading Room Club elected Isackson, '10, President; Wright, '12, Secretary; Schaefer, '12, Treasurer; Bailey, '11, Librarian; Holiday, '10, and Craven, '11, Representatives.

Harper, '08, came up from his home in Birmingham, Ala., in the past week, visited the East Wing and some of the Faculty, but for some unknown reason gave his old friends in the college building a wide berth. We regret this exceedingly, Harper.

Robert Paterson, Prep, withdrew from college the past week and returned to his home in New York. Bad health was the principal reason given.

We had begun to fear that since he did not return to college with the rest of the boys at the close of the holidays, Michael Lapides, '13, had given up his aspirations for a higher education. But no, he turns up one week late, and we learn that sickness caused the delay.

Friends of Hower, '11, have unanimously conferred upon him the degree of S. D. A. Hereafter, his name in full will be Capt. John Tom Hower, '11, S. D. A.

T. L. A.

EMPHATIC REBUKE.

Mrs. Smith was attending a seance, when the medium announced that Mr. Smith would like to speak to her. She replied: "Tell him that I don't want to talk to him. He let his life insurance lapse just before he died."—Selected.

National Association of the Deaf.

Organized, August 25, 1880.
Incorporated, Feb. 23, 1900.

- | President, | Secretary, | Treasurer, |
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| G. W. VEDITZ, Colo. | W. C. RITTER, Va. | J. S. LONG, Ia. |
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THE COLORADO SPRINGS WORLD'S CONGRESS.

The following letter is self-explanatory. Arrangements have been made with the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce to send out items concerning the Congress regularly in its monthly news letter. This news-letter, as stated, reaches nearly eight hundred publications all over the United States, and the Congress will thus be advertised among the hearing as well as deaf, and the deaf as a class will thus receive the very best kind of publicity.

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, COLORADO SPRINGS, COL.,
Dec. 23, 1909.

MR. GEORGE W. VEDITZ,
Pres. National Ass'n of the Deaf,
Colorado Springs, Col.

MY DEAR MR. VEDITZ:—In sending out our regular monthly news-letter for December, The Chamber of Commerce made use of an item in regard to the approaching meeting of the World's Congress of the Deaf. I am enclosing herewith a copy of this news-letter, which we sent to nearly eight hundred daily and weekly newspapers in practically every city of importance in America. With your co-operation I believe that we can secure a great deal of publicity, as the item seems to have found favor with many editors.

Very truly yours,
A. W. HENDERSON,
Secretary.

The item referred to was compiled from the daily press of Colorado Springs and is as follows:

COLORADO SPRINGS, Dec. 23.—A convention with all talking eliminated will be held in Colorado Springs in August, 1910, when the World's Congress of the Deaf will assemble in that city. In all the meetings not a word will be spoken. The deliberations will be in the sign language, and moving pictures will be taken for the benefit of the hearing. The convention of the telephonic deaf, which has been the result of efforts to alleviate the wife's deafness, President Taft also will be invited to attend.

Included in the program which has just been announced by President George W. Veditz, will be a discussion of the following topics: "The deaf man in the business world; how best to overcome prejudice against the deaf; employment"; "The correct method of educating the deaf"; "Independent newspapers for the deaf"; "Homes for the aged and infirm deaf; a national home vs. existing state homes"; "The deaf in benevolent associations"; "The evil effects upon the popular mind in classifying the deaf with the dependent and delinquent classes." At this congress, steps will be taken to celebrate properly the first centenary of American deaf-mute education, which was instituted in 1817 by Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet. His only surviving son, Dr. Edward Miner Gallaudet, president of Gallaudet College, Washington D. C., will be the honored guest of the Congress.

BETH ISRAEL NEWS.

Last Sunday afternoon, in the Assembly room of Beth Israel Temple, Prof. Barton Seavening, of the Mount Airy School, gave the members a very interesting address on Jewish History, and his signs were unexpectedly beautiful and clear. After his address, he said he was very pleased with their reception and always thought of them because he had taught some of them. He told the members that the deaf Hebrew pupils were among the brightest in school he had ever taught in many years. Moses Bessman in behalf of the members made a brief acknowledgment.

The moving-picture show which was to be held on the 12th of next month, will be postponed so it will not interfere with the Local Branch. After the monthly business meeting, it will be announced.

This week Miss Freda Pollock is expected home from her two weeks' vacation in New York.

After a month's sickness, Miss Selma Silnutzer, our popular matron, appeared in the assembly room like a new lady, and everybody was glad to see her again.

The employees of Blum Brothers, one of the largest union clock manufacturers, where Henry Silnutzer is working, have planned a big ball to help their brothers and sisters who are out on a great shirtwaist strike.

Misses Freda Pollock and Selma Silnutzer shared with the employees of Stetson & Co., with Christmas gifts, and have been employed steadily for ten years.

On January 23d, the Silent Five, which Abe Silnutzer plays forward, will cross in the airship to Mount Airy, to play a game of basketball with the undefeated school team. Abe is a great leader and player and should give his team a winning team

ST. LOUIS.

Rev. C. Schubkegel received a Christmas gift of a check for fifty dollars, from the congregation of his old church in Nebraska. It gave him much pleasure to realize that they have never forgotten him since he came to St. Louis.

On a recent Tuesday night, Edward Dolan was on his way to a birthday party, given at the Stafford mansion. He called at the last place on Walton Avenue, where the Staffords lived, and was informed of the whereabouts of the Staffords. Mr. Dolan obtained the proper name of the street and number of the house, with the exception of the house number, which was 4756.

The right number is 4757. He was so disgusted about the blunder and mistake that he returned home without being at the happy party.

Mrs. Gressberg (mother of Mrs. Ida Klegman), who is spending the winter in Pittsburg, Pa., informed her daughter here that she has been suffering from a sprained arm, which she contracted by a fall on the icy sidewalk in that city. The injury is healing.

Miss Anna Fravel, who has a fine position as artist here, received a letter from her sister in Cairo, Ill., who invited her to spend the holidays there, but Miss Fravel was unable to accept the invitation.

John E. Campbell intended going to Kansas City, Mo., to spend the Christmas and New Year's holidays, as the railroad rates were reduced, but he gave up the plan, on account of the freezing weather.

One of the largest gatherings of deaf-mutes ever seen at a private house took place Friday night, December 31st, 1909. It was "Watch Night," when all the world sang harmoniously, "Ring out the Old, Ring in the New." The event took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hermanns, 1605 South 11th Street. The evening passed away in playing games of euchre, which were unusually exciting and interesting, as prizes were promised. Those who were unable to play euchre were entertained with a new game called "tumbelin." An admission fee of a quarter of a dollar per person was charged for euchre players. Those who could not play were charged a smaller amount. Luncheon was also served. The proceeds from admission and lunch stands went to swell the fund of the Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf-Mutes.

The euchre prize winners were: Mrs. Hardman, Miss Steinman, Mrs. Gressberg, Mrs. Stafford, A. O. Formanack, Wm. Udall, Misses Mahon, Molloy, Dillon, Convers, Silver, Flakammer, Voigt, Baitty, Corey, Messrs. Hunter, Wolff, Turezeke, and May.

First prizes—Miss A. Molloy, 480; G. J. Turezeke, 400. Second prizes—Mrs. C. Ohliger, 385; Wm. Stiglmann, 285. Third prizes—Mrs. Eubanks, 130; H. Berwin, 125.

Vincent Campbell (nephew of Mrs. Fisher and J. E. Campbell) is planning to play next summer with the Pittsburg National League Baseball Club.

On the day before Christmas a Mail Carrier was trying to push his way into the store of the Grand Leader. He was so overburdened that he could not use his hands, so when he came up to the heavy glass door of the store he kicked the door open, and also broke the glass. The Mail Carrier thought he would escape without being caught, but F. W. Hammer happened along about that time. The manager of the store summoned Mr. Hammer to his office to inquire who broke the glass. Mr. Hammer told him it was the Mail Carrier.

Miss Martha Bailey, who is past seventy years of age, is probably the oldest deaf-mute in St. Louis. She came to this old town sixty-nine years ago, with her parents. She is hale and hearty, and bids fair to live a good while yet.

Miss Olga Plates, who has been employed several months in the household of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Merrill, has left for other quarters.

New Year's Day was appropriately celebrated at the home of Mrs. Ida Klegmann, who invited a number of her friends to spend the afternoon and evening at her domicile. The best element of our social society were on hand, and every one was made to feel perfectly at home. In the evening all the guests sat down to a wholesome supper, to which all did ample justice. Those present were: Messrs. and Mesdames Berwick, Formanack, Stiglmann, Stafford, Mrs. Udall, Misses Mahon, Molloy, Dillon, Convers, Silver, Flakammer, Voigt, Baitty, Corey, Messrs. Hunter, Wolff, Turezeke, and May.

From the *Silent Success*: "R. P. Sutton, of St. Louis, is one of that Division's hustlers, and it is rarely that he has not a new idea for the good of the Order.

Miss Mattie Fischer has a fine sewing machine that she desires to sell. She will sell it at a reasonable price to any one who is in need of a good machine. Call or write to Mattie Fischer, 2904 Harper Street, St. Louis, Mo.

Rev. C. Schubkegel departed for St. Charles, Mo., Sunday, January 2d, where he preached to the deaf. He selected his text from Psalm 121.

CHICAGO.

Yuletide in Chicago was white and merry. Zero weather prevailed. The usual Christmas festival was held at all of the Deaf-Mute Missions. The Methodists had it on the 23d, and the Churchmen of All Angels' Mission on the 27th inst. The little ones as well as the older were given their presents. The attendances at these places were considerably smaller than those of last year, this being due to the extreme cold weather which prevented many from coming, on account of the great difficulty in street car transportation under such weather conditions.

An impromptu pastor's reception was had at the residence of the Rev. and Mrs. Flick on Christmas night, and about fifteen neighbors came and indulged in the olden Christmas entertainment.

Nearly one hundred persons were in attendance at the reading of "The Helmet of Navarre," by Prof. Robert P. McGregor of Ohio, at Pas-a-Pas Club on New Year's Eve. All agreed that it was a fine treat. The story was interesting, yet was made more so through the fine treatment by the reader in the language of signs. He was unique. The reader took part in the duel of swords to the great delight of all.

The refreshments, consisting of red hots, cheese sandwiches, coffee and apples, were served to all. The New Year about two hours old saw all departing homeward happy and hopeful. During his stay in Chicago Mr. McGregor was the guest of Rev. and Mrs. Flick. On Sunday afternoon, January 2d, he addressed the congregation of All Angels' Mission on the subject of the brotherhood of men, based on the text from the Epistle to the Romans, "None of us doth live unto himself." It was an address from the heart based on long experience in life. In the evening of the same day Mr. McGregor left for St. Paul, Minn., where he was due to lecture on January 4th.

The Board of Trustees of the Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf of Illinois assembled in Jacksonville, Ill., for the transaction of business on the morning of January first. The Board elected Mr. Chester C. Gressberg of Chicago, president; Mr. E. P. Cleary, of Jacksonville, Secretary. The board also was given the opportunity to bargain any site for the Home, and to erect it at a distance within about fifty miles of Chicago. Five districts were divided among the members of the Board for supervision of the inmates should they be found.

The Rev. J. M. Koehler, Missionary to the Deaf in the Trans-Mississippi District, stopped over in Chicago for a day's visit with his co-worker, Rev. Mr. Flick, last week, enroute to Kansas City, Mo., from New York. He spoke enthusiastically of his new field.

Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson, of Kenosha, Wis., were in Chicago over New Year's Day, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bimble. They were married the day before in Flint, Mich. A reception in their honor as well as for Mr. McGregor was had in the evening, and thirty-four invited guests wished the guests of honor Godspeed on the sea of matrimony, and good luck to our friend Mac.

Miss Mary E. Peek and Mr. A. Liebenstein sustained their good opinions of the JOURNAL by sending their dollars for another year via PHILIC.

Death Accidental.

Following the conclusion of the inquest in the case of Harry Morgan, the deaf-mute who was killed by being struck by a street car at Seneca Park, Coroner Kleindienst yesterday gave the following verdict:

I find that Harry Morgan came to his death on the day of December 21, 1909, at Seneca Park, Rochester, N. Y., death being due to a fractured skull caused by his being accidentally struck and run over by an electric car, running as a stub line in said park.

I find that Morgan, who was a deaf-mute and a student at the Deaf-Mute Institute on St. Paul Street, had been given permission to go to the park, for exercise, by the supervisor in charge, Miss Katherine C. Hutchins, and after receiving said permission had been instructed to be careful, and to keep away from the railroad tracks. These instructions he failed to heed, hence the accident.

I find that the railway tracks are placed in an isolated part of the park and persons using them to walk upon do so at a great risk, as the railway company is permitted to run its cars on either track, in either direction. —Rochester Herald, Jan. 1.

And I, myself have often thought
How very much better 'twould be,
If every one of the folks I know
Would only agree with me.

BALTIMORE.

The year of 1909 has passed into the annals of the past. For the deaf of Baltimore it went without any funeral rites, but skipped away in the midst of merriment. So much joy and happiness indeed did "naughty nine's" last days furnish us, that it left behind footprints of "Forget-me-nots." The good housewives and bachelor-girls of the Grace Episcopal Church were active furnishing Christmas cheer and friendly remembrances. Aided by some of their brethren, they got up a Christmas festival on Wednesday evening, December 23rd, and everything spelled success. The Rev. Dr. Powell, Pastor of Grace Church, gave an address, after which he was followed by Rev. Mr. Whildin. Next came the short scene, "at Home during Christmas Time." Miss Mamie Stiegler acted her part as mistress of the house to every perfection, and little Sophia McElroy was the bright spot of gladness in the home. Miss Stiegler got up a supper for "daddy" who came home from work, and she went about her house-work in a quiet, wifely fashion. The passing of Christmas Eve, the hanging up of stockings, with the realization of gifts on Christmas morning, all shown with a spirit of love glowing at every timber, gave the audience the true impression of—

"Mid pleasures and places, though we
Be ever so humble, there's no place like home!"

Then Santa Claus in the person of our genial friend "Andy" Lietch, came down the chimney. Santa Claus this time seemed to be as old as the dying year, or had slipped on the ice and cracked a bone in his back, for he came in almost doubled up. Still he had a large bag of presents and there was a good deal of craning of necks to see its contents. Miss Annie Barry, sweet Aunt, aided Santa Claus in distributing the presents. Fully 125 persons attended and everyone was remembered. There were boxes and boxes of candy, oranges and oranges, and a large Christmas tree beautifully adorned. When it drew towards the wee sma' hours everybody went home with a heart of happiness and gratefulness. The credit for the success of the festival is due to the committee, composed of Misses Barry, Stiegler and Thies, Mrs. Leitner, Messrs. Boss, Nicholson, Lietch and Rev. Mr. Whildin. The Catholic Church had its festival on the evening before and the Methodist Church on Thursday evening. Something new seems to have been given at the Methodist Church, which the local papers called vocal

Miss Beckie Newman is now visiting relatives in New York for two months. The two Willies, Cooper and Miss Kilgore, went away for the holidays to Philadelphia and Miss Kilgore to Gulland. Miss Bandle, another attaché of the school at Parkville, also went to Washington to see her old friends and partake of the College "grab."

Miss Janet Peebles, who has been working for Mrs. Whildin, was suddenly called home to Cumberland, by the illness of her mother.

Mr. George Leitner is now working steadily as a driller in one of the large machine shops at Sparrows Point.

Mr. Brushwood, of Hampton, Va., spent a few days' visiting in Baltimore. The Baltimore Society of the deaf had a banquet, Friday evening, which lasted until the bells rang out the old and in the new.

The play which was to be given by the Men's Club of Grace Church, January 14th, has been postponed to some later date, on account of the variety of events, which were huddled in so close upon the other.

A Bazar will be given by Miss Barry, Thursday evening, January 20th, at the Parish Hall of Grace Church. All the nations will be represented in dress by the ladies. As this is new and unusual, all who attend will find something novel, which goes a good way towards giving a good time.

Doubtless some of us have heard of the Men's Club. As it's title expresses, it is composed entirely of men, but often furnishes receptions to which ladies are very welcome. Its purpose is for the advancement of the moral, mental and physical welfare of its members. It can furnish anything from literary meetings down to athletics. It has its Constitution and By-Laws—its directors, and its being run under a "system," which in time should make it one of the most popular clubs among the deaf in Baltimore. Members are elected by vote, and the number is growing rapidly. Only those who are of good social standing are admitted. Any deaf man of Baltimore, who would want to share in the benefits of good-fellowship, would do well to join the club.

BILLY B. VAN.

Christmas has come and gone and everything has settled down to its normal condition again. The greatest event in Baltimore during the holidays was the Christmas Entertainment held at the Methodist Mission Thursday night, December 30th

The large Sunday school room was comfortably filled to its fullest capacity, many mutes from out of the State and city were present and all had a fine time. Santa Claus, in the person of Mr. P. C. Boss, distributed presents and fine candies and oranges to every one. At the Methodist Church last Sunday Rev. Moylan delivered an excellent sermon on the life and birth of Christ, which was listened to with great interest by all. The attendance was very large and there were about twenty mutes from outside the city, including a number of the pupils of the Maryland School. Noticed among these were Messrs. Dalton and Askew of Richmond, Va. Some also came over from Washington, D. C., to attend the services. The members of the Baltimore Society of the Deaf held an all-night watch meeting at its hall, December 31st. New Year was ushered in with a great deal of noise and handshaking. A fine collation was served, and all departed in the wee sma' hours for their respective homes after having a good time.

Mr. Orman Daneker entertained a few of his friends at supper on the evening of January 1st, at his home. Those who were present were Misses Nellie Bryant, Nellie Daneker, Mrs. Brynt, Rev. D. S. Moylan and J. A. Braunfield, Messrs. Orlando Price and Mr. Dalton, of Richmond, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Daneker and several others. Mr. George Gallion, of Perryman, Md., appeared among his friends after an absence of several months. He had been sick at his home with a severe case of typhoid fever since last August. He is still weak and is slowly recovering his strength.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph T. Bomhoff held a New Year Social at their home, on the evening of January 1st. The evening was spent in games, story telling, etc. A fine spread was laid out for all, to which all did ample justice. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Peter Krastel, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred E. Feast, Mr. and Mrs. S. Warnick, Misses Ella Spencer, Isabella Shipley, Messrs. George Shipley, John Koenig, Raymond Kaufman and Eugene Williams.

Mr. Orman Daneker was confined at his home for the past week with tonsillitis, but is now on the mend and will be able to go to work again in a few days.

Mr. John Leitich, of near Annapolis, Md., and a former student of Gallaudet College, is in Baltimore at present in quest of work as printer. He says that if he fails to secure a job in this city, he will go to Washington, D. C., and try to

ford Co., an old subscriber of the JOURNAL, spent part of the holidays with his friends in this city. He is the owner of a fine one hundred-acre farm near Blair, Md., which he expects to sell soon.

Messrs. Dalton and Askew, enterprising young deaf-mutes of Richmond, Va., spent the Christmas holidays in Baltimore and were entertained by Rev. Moylan. This was their first visit to this city, and they were greatly struck at the great buildings and beauty of the city. They returned home Tuesday evening, January 2d.

The city pupils of the Maryland School at Frederick returned on Tuesday, January 4th, to resume their studies.

Mr. and Mrs. Unsworth, of Gathersburg, Md., have again moved to Baltimore, and have taken up rooms in south Baltimore.

Andrew Schwankhouse furnished the following news items: Mr. George Faupel, the popular teacher of the Maryland School for the Deaf, passed through Cumberland on his way home to spend the Christmas holidays at Mann's Choice, Pa.

Mr. Milburne Relihan, foreman of the printing shop at the Romney, Va., School, also stopped in Cumberland and called on several of his deaf friends.

Mr. Alex. McMullen, a well-known semi-mute, printer of this place, is back again from Terre Haute, Indiana. His home is at Parkersburg, W. Va. All of his deaf friends were glad to see him.

Misses Alberta Reasing and Agnes Bella, of Loudon, spent Christmas week with their mute friends in Cumberland. They have already returned home after enjoying themselves to their hearts' content.

J. A. B.

Services in the Dioceses of Albany and Central New York.

First Sunday in the month: Morning, Troy; afternoon, Albany evening, Amsterdam.

Second Sunday: Morning, Syracuse; afternoon, Oneida; evening, Utica.

Third Sunday: Morning, Troy; afternoon, Schenectady; evening, Herkimer.

Fourth Sunday: Morning, Utica; afternoon, Rome; evening, Syracuse.

The above is the ordinary arrangement of services. Departures from this arrangement and appointments for week-day services will be announced by postal card.

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OHIO.

News items for this column may be sent to our Ohio News Bureau, care of Mr. A. B. Greener, 938 Franklin Ave., Columbus, O.

January 8, 1909.—The Ohio State Journal of Monday, contained the following:

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 3.—Professor W. H. Demotte, for 60 years one of the most prominent educators of the deaf and dumb in the United States, died early to-day at his home in this city. He was 80 years old and was born at Harrodsburg, Ky.

Professor Demotte was at different periods superintendent of the Wisconsin and the Kansas Institutions for the Deaf and Dumb, and for many years was an instructor in the Indiana Institution. He went to Washington as Indiana military agent during the Civil War and was in Ford's Theatre the night President Lincoln was assassinated.

Professor Demotte did not often describe the scene in words, but he vividly reproduced it in the sign language and pantomime for his pupils.

Professor Demotte's body will be taken to Jacksonville, Ill., for burial. He left a widow and seven children.

Some twenty of the deaf, among them Misses Biggam and Buchanan, of Columbus, gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eikens, of Cincinnati Friday evening, to watch the departing year and the coming in of the new. Mr. and Mrs. Eikens made their guests feel perfectly at home, and it is needless to say an extra good time was had.

Miss Nora Patterson was in Cleveland for a few days last week with her brother. She attended the reading of "Ben Hur" given by Mr. Zorn before the Cleveland Association of the Deaf. The attendance was good and Mr. Zorn's portrayal of his subject most vivid, thus heightening the interest thereto.

Mr. J. B. Arnold was in Columbus for a few days last week, visiting with relatives, but was too busy to call upon friends at the school. Since reaching home, he has had sleigh rides galore, and has asked us to come down to Seneca-ville, and indulge in some of the sport. Just now there is a foot or more of the "Beautiful" right here in Columbus, and we are having plenty of fun keeping side-walks clear.

Pressure of office work prevented the Rev. Mr. Mann from attending the reading from "Ben Hur" by Mr. Zorn at Goodrich House, Cleveland, Saturday evening, January 1st. He is much interested in the book, by reason of its interesting the author—General Lewis Wallace—in 1861, at the head of the 11th Indiana Regiment on the way to the seat of war in Tennessee. His rank at the time was that of Colonel. He returned at the close in 1865, a Major General.

Prof. Allabough was associated with the Rev. Mr. Mann in the service at the Cleveland Mission on Sunday, January 2d.

Miss Susie Boethinger was in Cleveland for a few days to visit her brother. She was at the Zorn reading. Some twenty-five people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Smith, of Dayton, Friday evening, to witness the going and coming in of the old and new year. They had a jolly time, and what is more, by a series of games enriched their Home fund by over five dollars. Mrs. J. B. Showalter, of Columbus, was among the guests.

Mrs. J. B. Showalter was in Dayton during the week, as guest of her son and his wife, whom she found pleasantly fixed, though they were married only last fall.

Miss Ada Adair, of the bindery, has returned from a week's visit to her home in Columbiana County. Miss Wise is also back at work having been in Cleveland with her brother for six weeks.

Inspectors from the State Department of Inspection of Workshops and Public Buildings were here last week, going through the school buildings and shops. They will make their report later to the Governor, who authorized the inspector to make such an inspection of all the public buildings of the State.

The Legislature is now with us. The Governor's message was read in each house, Monday. He strongly advocates a single Board of Control of all the institutions of the State. The legislature has also to pass the Codification of the Statutes enacted by the different legislatures of the State, which a commission of three men codified during the past three years. It will take the legislature at least six weeks to go over the work, and then the appropriation bills and work is to be done, to say nothing of investigations of State offices and institutions, which have been proposed.

Mr. Fred Ross, of Cleveland, was down here, during the week, visiting his friend, Oren Buckingham. Fred has a good position in a Cleveland cloak factory.

Harry Dix has been down from St. Mary's since the day before Christmas, visiting his parents in this city, and relatives in Caldwell, Ohio.

Governor Harmon has a liking for the deaf, and must regard them

PHILADELPHIA.

News items for this column should be sent to James S. Reider, 1888 North Dover Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

The Local Branch of the P. S. A. D., held its monthly meeting in All Souls' Guild Hall last Saturday evening, 8th inst. President Lipsett presided. A good attendance was on hand. Mr. H. E. Stevens resigned as Secretary and was succeeded by Mr. James F. Brady. Considerable routine business was transacted. The Branch is trying to arrange an inter-city debate between New York and Philadelphia, for February 12th, and there was a long discussion on the subject to be debated upon. No definite choice was made, but an effort will be made to agree on one of two subjects. This debate, which will be for the benefit of the Home, will be announced as soon as the arrangements are completed.

In our haste we forget to mention the annual Christmas Festival, at All Souls' Church, in our previous letter. The festival was held on Monday evening, December 27th, and was, as usual, a happy occasion for the people of All Souls' Parish. In spite of the fact that very few cars were running in any part of the city, on account of the snow blockade, there were about seventy-five persons at the festival. These were well repaid for the trouble of attending, for an exceptionally fine stereopticon exhibition was given, through the kindness and under the personal direction of the Rev. Llewellyn N. Caley, B. D., Rector of the Church of the Nativity. The pictures represented scenes in the life of Christ, colored like the famous Tissot pictures, and are said to be a very costly collection. The exhibition was therefore much enjoyed. Presents were distributed afterwards.

The coming banquet of the Men's Club of All Souls' Mission at Booth-by's, on January 28th, bid's fair to be a very enjoyable affair. Already thirty persons have engaged plates at one dollar apiece. Dr. Crouter, Rev. Mr. Hill and a few others will be guests of the Club. It is not to be a money-making scheme, but distinctly a social event, celebrating the Club's first year in existence. In order to attend the event, it is imperatively necessary to engage a plate in advance. Apply to Mr. Thomas E. Jones, the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee. The Club will hold a special meeting, on Tuesday evening, January 25th, to perfect the arrangements of the banquet.

It is hard work for the housewife to do the washing of the family, so to speak. The quacks and men hang them on lines in the yard on a chilly, wet day. And how good she must feel when this work is done. The ironing is more pleasant work, and the good housewife generally does it with a will that ends in joy when all is over. You would not begrudge the good woman this joy; but, alas! how things do happen, which one does not fear or expect. Mrs. William H. Lipsett is the one who lately had such an experience. She had spent a good part of a day in restoring the original whiteness to a heap of articles of wear, but, the day not being of the drying kind, she decided to leave them to the mercy of the night wind. We know that many a housewife has been compelled to do this at times and all went right. Mrs. Lipsett, however, was not so fortunate, for when she awoke the next morning, her first thought was of the clothes, which she had left outside and, on looking, lo! they were gone. Stolen! What a pity!

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Wuchter spent holiday week visiting in Allentown, Slatington, and Bethlehem. At Slatington they found the Irwin family doing nicely.

James D. Friser, Miss Dora Kintzel's nephew, has gone to New York to take a position.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Koenig received a visit from the latter's guardian, Mr. L. P. Shoemaker and wife, of Washington, D. C., recently.

The Christmas blizzard was a record breaker hereabouts, and oh, my! how we did wish for the "hoss" cars for once. The trolley system was almost at a standstill for two or three days. We are willing to let Messrs. Hodgson and Nubser laugh for a minute now.

It is reported that Mrs. Emma McGucken was knocked down by a team of horses at 19th Street and Ridge Avenue, on Monday, January 3d, and was quite severely, but not seriously, injured about the head and body. She was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital.

The Philadelphia Inquirer reports this:—

"WILLIAMSPORT, PA., December 27.—Albert C. Hagy, of Steelton, Pa., a promising young ball player, has just been signed to play first base for the Williamsport Tri-State team. To-day he became a benedict, being united in marriage in this city to Miss Susan M. Rohland, of Jersey Shore."

Mr. Hagy's parents are deaf-mutes.

He that can have patience can have what he will.—Franklin.

better furnace men than the hearing, for several weeks ago he chose Albert Walters, a pupil of the High School, to keep up the fire at his home, which is near the institution. Miss Clara Ellerhorst, of Cincinnati, came up to see her brother, during the Christmas holidays.

Grove City is only seven miles from Columbus, and in ordinary weather cars from here make the distance in about forty minutes that includes the rounds of the city. Thursday, Miss Edgar had an engagement to be at "The Maples" for dinner. She left here at 9:20 and expected to reach her destination at the usual time. The heavy snow however caused her car to go by jerks and stops to get the track cleared, and it was long after dinner time when she reached her guests' house in fact her coming was given up and the table had been cleared of everything when she entered the house.

Mr. Charles and family were at the Home Sunday. The farmer conducted a service in the afternoon. Thirty-two loads of six and seven-inch ice has been stored up for the summer use, and some more will be handled as soon as weather permits. A. B. G.

DENVER, COL.

On the 31st of December last, the Denver Deaf Association held a very enjoyable watch party and the members were surprised to learn that fifty were in attendance (largest in its history). It would have lasted all night, but forced to leave Charles Building when the lights were out at 2:30 A.M. Its President, Miss Drumm, should be proud of it.

It will not be forgotten soon. The games were fishing, web, etc., (too numerous to write) and refreshments were served after the exit of the Old Year.

The Association is to hold a business meeting on the 15th of this month.

Mr. Johnson, of Illinois, has a good position as an Inspector of Exchange Film of this city, and says if it is steady hereafter. He will send for his wife, who is now in Minnesota. Last week he met his old schoolmate, named Mr. Mather, formerly of Illinois, but now of Alma, Col., where he is a first class barber, and they had a long chat of their past life in school. Mather was here during Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Miss A. Kennedy took a long trip to spend a few Christmas days with her sister in Rockford, where she encountered Mr. John Tuskey, who is now working at a book factory with Mr. Northern. We are overjoyed to learn that they are coming back home to two weeks, when the factory will be forced to shut down on account of beet being frozen.

The third stork went to Mr. and Mrs. Lessely a few weeks ago, last Sunday. Six out of twenty members of the Bible Class unexpectedly paid a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Lessely and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reid, after the Bible Class finished the lessons, and they had a long, enjoyable chat.

It is announced that John Coffield is going to get married before Spring.

Mr. Riekey, who came here from Michigan eleven years ago, is still holding a lucrative position as a carpenter. His father is going to buy a farm in Michigan, and then to go back to live on it for the rest of his life. Prior to it, he was a stone cutter contractor.

John Coffield will surely give the glad hand to his old acquaintances, who attend the National Association of the Deaf from Pennsylvania, in 1910.

A committee of five was appointed last week, and they are Miss Drumm, Mr. Lessely, Mr. Kent, Mrs. Dixon and Mr. Reid. Mr. Kent is Chairman. They are to hold a meeting next week in regards to State Convention of 1910.

Evangelical Alliance Services for the Deaf.

(Interdenominational).

BOSTON.
Services every Sunday, at 10:45 A.M. First United Presbyterian Church, Cor. W. Brookline St. and Warren Ave., Boston. (Roxbury Crossing, or Columbus Ave. cars from Subway, or Dudley St. Elevated, to Brookline St.)

SALFORD.
Services at First Baptist Church, Salem, Mass., Second, Third and Fourth Sundays, each month, excepting July and August. 2:15 P.M.

NEW ENGLAND CITIES.
Services in Worcester, Nashua, Providence and other New England cities, by appointment.

E. CLAYTON WYAND,
Evangelical Alliance Minister in Charge.

Residence: Mattapan Sta., Boston.
To these services all are welcome.

Baltimore Methodist Deaf-Mute Mission.

Rev. D. E. Moylan, Pastor, 740 W. Fayette Street.

Services at Eutaw Street M. E. Church, every Sunday, at 3:30 P.M.

Sunday School, at 2:30 P.M.
Week day meetings every Thursday evening, at 8 P.M., in the lecture room. (Except during July and August.)

Holy Communion, first Sunday each month. Everybody welcome.

FANWOOD.

The Fanwood Literary Association opened its first meeting for the year of 1910, in the chapel last Saturday evening, at half past seven, with a few remarks by President Fox and an excellent entertainment given by the young ladies of the Fifth Grade. The programme ran as follows:—

READING—"Talking without speaking," by Miss Susan Adcock.
DEBATE—"Resolved, That the Old Fashioned Woman is superior to the New Fashioned Woman." Affirmative Side: Misses G. Doenges and L. Leff. Negative Side: Misses F. Rothstein and A. Quattucci.
READING—"An Irish Robber," by Miss L. Herschleifer.
READING—"The Farmer and the Dog," by Miss O. Sprague.
READING—"A Boy and a Wolf," by Miss Anna Gerner.
DECLAMATION—"The Charge of the Light Brigade," by Miss L. Berg.
A NEW YEAR'S DIALOGUE—By Misses Adcock, Gerner, Quattucci, Sprague, Herschleifer, Doenges, Rothstein, Krumholz and Leff.

The reading, entitled "An Irish Robber," given by Miss L. Herschleifer was taken with great interest by the audience, and the debate, entitled, "Resolved, That the Old Fashioned Woman is superior to the New Fashioned Woman," was a hot task for the judges, Miss Alice Tracy and Cadets Henry Brauer and Arthur Bailey, in trying to accomplish the points for the winning side. The affirmative side won by the narrow margin of just seven points ahead of the negative side, 27-20. Miss Rothstein, in the debate, did very well, and her acting was decidedly boyish. Isn't she good enough to take part with the Suffragettes? The declamation, "The Charge of the Light Brigade," was recited with emphatic sizes by Miss L. Berg, and earned vigorous applause. All the other readings were very interesting.

The evening concluded with a sketch, entitled "A New Year's Dialogue," by Misses Adcock, Gerner, Quattucci, Sprague, Herschleifer, Doenges, Rothstein, Krumholz, and Leff. Miss Krumholz, clad in a white gown with the numerals "1910" on her breast, was the first to enter, followed by Miss Rothstein, whose breast bore the legend "Discontent." She wanted to be friendly with the New Year, but was denied. Miss Doenges, labeled "Insincerity," was boosted by the New Year as soon as she entered. Misses Leff and Gerner then made their appearance with the signs, "Idleness" and "Worry," attached to them. They wanted to be good friends with New Year but were immediately banished. Miss Herschleifer, bearing "Truth," Miss Sprague, "Fidelity," Miss A. Gerner, "Peace," were all well received. Year wanted, and all of them went hand in hand with the New Year. All were attired in white gowns with white masks, and looked like real saints that had just come from heaven. Loud applause was given by the audience.

After that Dr. Fox came to the platform and gave the topics of the week, as the pupils were all eager to know about the happenings of the outside world. He congratulated the Fifth Grade Female upon their excellent programme, which was duly seconded by the members.

Dr. Charles A. Leale, a member of the Board of Directors, was a visitor last Sunday. He attended the chapel services and made a few remarks, which were interpreted by Principal Carrier.

Warren Phillips, a deaf-mute, of Troy, N. Y., was a visitor here very early last Thursday morning. He made a tour of the trades schools and the various parts of the Institution. He says he was once a pupil at the Malone School for the Deaf, and he knows Millard Greene and Elmer Flanders, two of our pupils who were former pupils of the same school.

There was a basket-ball game in our gymnasium last Saturday afternoon, at three o'clock, between the Lincoln Deaf-Mute Five, of Fanwood, under the management Captain Gompers, of Company C., and the Riverside A. C., of St. Agnes Church, of this city. The Riverside A. C., is composed of big and strong boys, while the Lincoln Five is composed of younger boys, yet we smashed them all over the gymnasium and beat them by the score of 18 to 11.

An invitation had been extended to the cadet band and the members of the High Class, to attend a conference and reception of the Craftsmen's Association at 19th Street, but owing to the bad weather the High Class and Band did not attend. Miss LePrince acted as hostess. Walter E. Kadel and William Bergman were fortunate enough to be present, and they enjoyed themselves very much.

The indoor competition for the bronze medals given by Dr. Siekel, our physical instructor, is now beginning. The medals will be awarded next summer, to the pupils having the best points in their classes. The girls are to enter the competition. Last year Frank Lux won the medal for the big boys, and E. Goldstein for the small ones. Look at the bulletin board in the boys' sitting room on Wednesday and Friday, for the records of points.

The boys' chief sport during the

week is coasting. Our hill is covered with ice and the sleds go very fast, like the birds through the air.

Last Sunday evening, Prof. Jones related a very interesting story entitled "Minita," from the *Strand Magazine*, and he kept us enraptured for two hours. Noisy applause greeted him at the conclusion of his talk.

James Quinn, the regular Fanwood correspondent, failed to return here on January 4th. He is confined to his home on account of a bad cold. We hope he will recover very soon.

Miss Ethel Darling with a cousin living from up State were callers on Monday afternoon. The Darlings live on the Heights and are friends of Mrs. A. Capelli.

The Principal received a card from Carl Lautenberger, who is at the Connecticut Agricultural College, Stary that he had just taken the regular examinations. We wish Carl every success.

ARTHUR T. BAILEY.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

The Oritens met on the 27th ultimo, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edington. Mr. Edington was obliged to go to work at the Government Printing Office almost before the meeting started, but an interesting program had been arranged and every one had a good time. The refreshments of cocoa and cakes were enjoyed by all hands, especially as the latter were made by Mrs. Edington, who has quite a reputation as a cakemaker.

The local Branch of the Gallaudet College Alumni Association met at Dr. Hotchkiss's on December 29th. The night was one of the coldest we have had this winter, but there was a large attendance. The literary program consisted of a short lecture or talk by Mrs. Josephine Cowles, about her trip to Persia, and a dialogue by Dr. Hotchkiss and Mr. Ballard.

Mrs. Cowles's talk was very interesting, and at the conclusion thereof she was given a vote of thanks. The dialogue "brought down the house," and Messrs. Hotchkiss and Ballard demonstrated that they still retain their dramatic ability.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Dr. J. B. Hotchkiss; Vice-President, R. J. Stewart; Secretary-Treasurer, W. E. Marhall (re-elected). Mrs. Kiesel and Mrs. Boland were elected honorary members of the Branch.

The Baptist Mission's supper on December 28th, was very successful. There were about seventy persons present, including Dr. Sprague, pastor of Calvary Church, Dr. Gallaudet, Dr. Draper, and Mr. Ballard, and others. All of the persons named as well as several others, made short speeches after the supper.

The annual Christmas Festival, of St. Barnabas Episcopal Mission was held on the 30th ultimo, in the Parish Hall of Trinity Church. Considering the inclement weather, there was a large attendance. The cold weather and the slippery condition of the streets kept away many, both adults and children, who would have otherwise been present. The exercises were opened by a prayer by Rev. O. J. Whildin. Dr. J. B. Hotchkiss then gave an interesting account of how the celebration originated. He was followed by Mr. H. C. Merrill, who gave short selections from "Ben Hur"—the meeting of the Wise Men in the desert and the appearance of the angels to the shepherds. At this juncture an "A. D. T." messenger entered with a telegram from Santa Claus, containing the information that Santa could not visit us that evening. Dr. Cook was reported in Canada, and Santa Claus thought it well to remain at home and look out for poachers. Presents were given to all the children present, and to some who were unable to attend, and boxes of fine candies were given to everyone. The committee that arranged the Festival consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall, and Mr. Edelen.

A number of the deaf residents of Washington attended the lecture by Mr. J. Addison McIlvaine, in the College Chapel, on December 31st. Miss W. L. Kilgore and Miss Bendele spent part of their vacation in Washington, visiting friends in the College and in the city.

Thomas S. Williams left Washington on Christmas day for Florida. He expects to engage in truck-farming near Tampa, and his Washington friends wish him success. Dr. R. P. Williams, rector of Trinity Church, of which the St. Barnabas Episcopal Mission is a part, was recently made a Canon by Bishop Harding. Mr. R. J. Stewart has returned from Nebraska, whither he went to attend the funeral of Miss B. H. Ren. The scarlet fever quarantine at the Ericksons has been raised. The boy recovered and by good fortune no other members of the family contracted the disease.

The January meeting of the National Literary Society was held on the 6th instant. The program was as follows: Lecture by M. Pfunder, "The Siege of Haarlem." Debate on "Resolved, That the liquor traffic should be abolished," by Mr.

Hannan and Mrs. Pfunder on the affirmative side, and Mr. Dowell and Miss King on the negative side. The "drys" won. Dialogue by Messrs. Elligood and Flood, and Declamation by Mr. Eskin.

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THE TUBERCULOSIS CRUSADE.

NEW YORK, January 10.—New York State leads in the anti-tuberculosis work done during the past year, having spent more money, distributed more literature and treated more patients than any other State. This statement has been made by the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis after an extensive study of reports gathered from all over the country, \$1,669,179.76 is the amount given as expended in this State, Pennsylvania being next with \$1,515,664.02 to its credit.

Nearly 20 times more literature bearing on tuberculosis has been distributed in New York State than in any other in the same period. This is largely due to the efforts of the State Charities Aid Association, the official branch of the National Association in New York State. A vigorous campaign of education has been waged in this State by the State Charities Aid Association in co-operation with the New York State Department of Health for the past two years.

Previous to the inauguration of this campaign, practically nothing had been done in this State towards preventing this disease, in spite of the fact that New York City had already demonstrated the value of the methods used by reducing its death rate from consumption 40 per cent in 20 years, except in Yonkers, Rochester and Troy, where anti-tuberculosis associations had been started which have since the general awakening of interest become much more effective.

As a result of the educational campaign hospitals have been established, or appropriations made therefor, dispensaries opened and visiting nurses provided. It is confidently expected that the expenditure indicated for 1909 will be very largely increased in 1910 by the Boards of Supervisors in a number of counties making appropriations for hospital provision following the example of Rensselaer, Oneida, Ontario, Monroe, Ulster, Dutchess, Counties. 41,779 patients were treated in sanatoria, hospital, through dispensaries and anti-tuberculosis associations in 1909.

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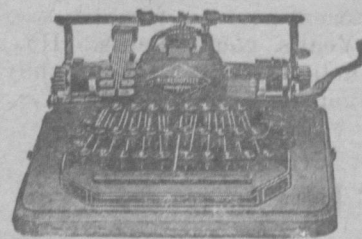
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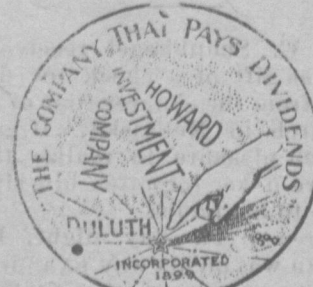
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